

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Remarks:

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 7 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the invention and/or to improve clarity and/or correct clerical errors. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added.

In claim 1, the amended phrase “while said product is on a conveyor, at a speed that is substantially equal to the speed of the conveyer upon which the products move” is supported, at least, in paragraphs [0039], [0093] and [0102]-[0107].

Arguments

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected as being unpatentable over Wenk in view of Tinklenberg, and further in view of Sjostedt, Stenhouwer, Recchia, Ruell, Chamberlain, Parlo, and in further view of Raske, Fukami and Malosse.

Claim 5 has been rejected as unpatentable over the aforementioned publications and in further view of Wescombe, Merle and Propst.

Claim 7 has been rejected as unpatentable over the publications applied to claims 1 and 2, above, and in further view of Swett, Diamond, and in further view of Sayyadi and Tamura.

None of the cited publications relate to “positioning a device for wrapping plastic bands and wrapping an anvil means along said product while said product is on a conveyor, at

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a speed that is substantially equal to the speed of the conveyer upon which the products move” as now defined in claim 1. As the dependent claims 2, 5 and 7 include the subject matter of claim 1 from which they depend, these claims also include a feature not disclosed in the cited publications.

In light of the above, Applicant hopes that the application with the claims as amended will be accepted. Issue of a notice of allowance for the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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